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- Apollo starts, and all Parnassus shakes
At the rude *rumbling* Barlipton makes. *Resemman.*
The fire the fann'd, with greater fury burn'd,
Rumbling within. *Dryden.*
Th' included vapours, that in caverns dwell,
Lab'ring with colick pangs, and close confin'd,
In vain fought issue from the *rumbling* wind. *Dryden.*
On a sudden there was heard a most dreadful *rumbling* noise
within the entrails of the machine, after which the moun-
tain burst. *Addison.*
Several monarchs have acquainted me, how often they
have been shook from their respective thrones, by the *rum-
bling* of a wheelbarrow. *Spektator, N° 597.*
RUMBLER. *n. f.* [from *rumble*.] The person or thing that
rumbles.
RUMINANT. *adj.* [ruminant, Fr. *ruminans*, Latin.] Having
the property of chewing the cud.
Ruminant creatures have a power of directing this peri-
staltic motion upwards and downwards. *Roy.*
The description, given of the muscular part of the gullet,
is very exact in *ruminants*, but not in men. *Derham.*
To RUMINATE. *v. n.* [ruminare, Fr. *ruminare*, Lat.]
1. To chew the cud.
Others fill'd with pasture gazing fat,
Or bedward *ruminating*. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. iv.*
The necessity of spittle to dissolve the aliment, appears
from the contrivance of nature in making the salivary ducts
of animals, which *ruminant* or chew the cud, extremely
open. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*
On grassy banks herds *ruminating* lie. *Thomson.*
2. To muse; to think again and again.
Alone sometimes the walk'd in secret where,
To *ruminant* upon her discontent. *Fairfax, b. iv.*
Of ancient prudence here he *ruminates*,
Of rising kingdoms, and of falling states. *Waller.*
I am at a solitude, an house between Hampstead and
London, wherein Sir Charles Sedley died: this circumstance
sets me a thinking and *ruminating* upon the employments in
which men of wit exercise themselves. *Steele to Pope.*
He practices a slow meditation, and *ruminates* on the sub-
ject; and perhaps in two nights and days rouses those several
ideas which are necessary. *Watts's Improv. of the Mind.*
To RUMINATE. *v. a.* [ruminare, Lat.]
1. To chew over again.
2. To muse on; to meditate over and over again.
'Tis a studied, not a present thought,
By duty *ruminated*. *Shaksp. Antony and Cleopatra.*
Knock at the study, where he keeps,
To *ruminant* strange plots of dire revenge. *Shaksp.*
The condemned English
Sit patiently, and inly *ruminant*
The morning's danger. *Shaksp.*
Mad with desire the *ruminates* her sin,
And wishes all her wishes o'er again;
Now the despair, and now resolves to try;
Would not, and would again, she knows not why. *Dry.*
RUMINATION. *n. f.* [ruminatio, Lat. from *ruminare*.]
1. The property or act of chewing the cud.
Rumination is given to animals, to enable them at once to
lay up a great store of food, and afterwards to chew it. *Arb.*
2. Meditation; reflection.
It is a melancholy of mine own, extracted from many ob-
jects, in which my often *ruminant* wraps me in a most hu-
morous sadness. *Shaksp. As You like it.*
Retiring, full of *ruminant* sad,
He mourns the weakness of these latter times. *Thomson.*
To RUMMAGE. *v. a.* [rummen, German, to empty. *Skinner.*
rimar, Lat.] To search; to plunder; to evacuate.
Our greedy seamen *rummage* every hold,
Smile on the booty of each wealthier chest. *Dryden.*
To RUMMAGE. *v. n.* To search places.
A fox was *rummaging* among a great many carved figures,
there was one very extraordinary piece. *L'Estrange.*
Some on antiquated authors pore;
Rummage for sense. *Dryden's Persius.*
I have often *rummaged* for old books in Little-Britain and
Duck-lane. *Swift.*
RUMMER. *n. f.* [roemer, Dutch.] A glass; a drinking cup.
Imperial Rhine below'd the generous *rummer*. *Philips.*
RUMOUR. *n. f.* [rumor, Fr. *rumor*, Lat.] Flying or popu-
lar report; bruit; fame.
We hold *rumour* from what we fear. *Shaksp.*
There ran a *rumour*
Of many worthy fellows that were out. *Shaksp. Macbeth.*
Great is the *rumour* of this dreadful knight,
And his achievements of no less account. *Shaksp.*
This *rumour* of him went forth throughout all Judea. *Luke.*
Rumour next and chance
And tumult and confusion all embroil'd. *Milton.*
She heard an ancient *rumour* fly,
That times to come should see the Trojan race
Her Carthage ruin. *Dryden's Aeneis.*

RUN

- To RUMOUR. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To report abroad; to
bruit.
Catesby, *rumour* it abroad,
That Anne my wife is sick, and like to die. *Shaksp.*
All abroad was *rumour'd*, that this day
Samson should be brought forth. *Milton's Agonistes.*
'Twas *rumour'd*,
My father 'scap'd from out the citadel. *Dryden.*
RUMOURER. *n. f.* [from *rumour*.] Reporter; spreader of
news.
A slave
Reports, the Volscians, with two several powers,
Are entered into the Roman territories.
—Go see this *rumourer* whipt: it cannot be. *Shaksp.*
RUMP. *n. f.* [rumpf, German.]
1. The end of the backbone.
At her *rump* the growing had behind
A fox's tail. *Fairy Queen, b. i.*
If his holiness would thump
His reverend bum 'gainst hoxle's *rump*,
He might b'equipt from his own stable. *Prior.*
Rumps of beef with virgin honey strew'd. *King.*
Last trotted forth the gentle swine,
To ease her itch against the stump,
And dizzily was heard to whine,
All as she scrubb'd her meazly *rump*. *Swift's Miscel.*
2. The buttocks.
A sailor's wife had chestnuts in her lap,
And mouncht,—give me quoth I
Aroint the witch!—the *rump* fed ronyon cries. *Shaksp.*
He charg'd him first to bind
Crowdero's hands on *rump* behind. *Hudibras, p. i.*
To RUMPLE. *v. a.* [rumple, Dutch.] To crush or contract
into inequalities and corrugations; to crush together out of
shape.
Each vital speck, in which remains
Th' entire, but *rumpled* animal, contains
Organs perplex'd. *Blackmore on the Creation.*
I *rumpled* petticoats, or tumbled beds,
Or discompos'd the head-dress of a prude. *Pope.*
Never put on a clean apron, till you have made your lady's
bed, for fear of *rumpling* your apron. *Swift.*
RUMPLE. *n. f.* [hympele, Saxon.] Pucker; rude plait.
Fair Virginia would her fate bestow
On Rutile, and change her faultless make
For the foul *rumple* of her camel-back. *Dryden.*
To RUN. *v. n.* *pret. ran.* [riman, Gothick; yman, Saxon;
rennen, Dutch.]
1. To move swiftly; to ply the legs in such a manner, as that
both feet are at every step off the ground at the same time;
to make haste; to pass with very quick pace.
Their feet *run* to evil, and make haste to shed blood. *Prov.*
Laban *ran* unto the man unto the well. *Gen. xxiv. 29.*
When she knew Peter's voice, she *ran* in, and told how
Peter stood before the gate. *Acts xii. 14.*
Since death's near, and *runs* with so much force,
We must meet first, and intercept his course. *Dryden.*
He *ran* up the ridges of the rocks amain. *Dryden.*
Let a shoe-boy clean your shoes and *run* of errands. *Swift.*
2. To use the legs in motion.
Seldom there is need of this, till young children can *run*
about. *Locke.*
3. To move in a hurry.
The priest and people *run* about,
And at the ports all thronging out,
As if their safety were to quit
Their mother. *Benj. Johnson.*
4. To pass on the surface, not through the air.
The Lord sent thunder, and the fire *ran* along upon the
ground. *Exodus ix. 25.*
5. To rush violently.
Let not thy voice be heard, lest angry fellows *run* upon
thee, and thou lose thy life. *Judges xviii. 25.*
Now by the winds and raging waves I swear,
Your safety more than mine was thus my care;
Left of the guide bereft, the rudder lost,
Your ship shou'd *run* against the rocky coast. *Dryden.*
They have avoided that rock, but *run* upon another no less
dangerous. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*
I discover those shoals of life which are concealed in order
to keep the unwary from *running* upon them. *Addison.*
6. To take a course at sea.
Running under the island Claudia, we had much work to
come by the boat. *Acts xviii. 16.*
7. To contend in a race.
A horse-boy, being lighter than you, may be trusted to
run races with less damage to the horses. *Swift.*
8. To fly; not to stand. It is often followed by away in this
sense.
My conscience will serve me to *run* from this Jew, my
master. *Shaksp. Merchant of Venice.*